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THE SCANDAL MONGER.

The calling of the court docket and mention of an old case furnished a pretext for the Courier-Journal to revive a scandal involving an Irish Catholic priest of this city, and publish a garbled rehash of assertions; some facts, mostly false, but all jumbled and misconstrued to deceive the ignorant and thoughtless but gratify the bigoted, as it is evidently intended. Carefully as the article seems to have been prepared, like all slanders, it bears the earmarks of malicious and premeditated falsehood. The civil court suit is not new nor of recent date; the final judgment of the ecclesiastical court—the only judgment worthy of consideration—did not condemn the priest, as stated, but that court, the highest ecclesiastical authority in this country, presided over by Monsignor Martinelli, not only acquitted the priest, but completely vindicated and restored him to his pastoral charge. Had there been the slightest grounds for any charges of the character enumerated against the priest, even though acquitted, he would never have been restored to his pastoral charge. Only when the accused priest is completely vindicated of scandalous charges, although acquitted of guilt, is he allowed to resume his priestly functions in the locality where the offense is alleged to have occurred.

Persons unacquainted with the laws and rigid discipline of the Catholic church regarding the priesthood may be excused for believing such things as the Courier-Journal published, but the Courier-Journal can enter no such plea. It knows better; knows the facts in the case, the law, mode of procedure and final judgment of the ecclesiastical court—and published that scurrilous and wilfully slanderous article.

But what of it? Has not the Courier-Journal—and its evening edition, the Times—slandered the Catholics on every opportunity? This is its record of over forty years, and it may be that it is past reformation. Bigotry is generally incurable, and, like all incurable maladies, changes only for the worse; for even a bigot, who has any regard for decency, refrains from attacking a clergyman of any denomination, bad as he may hate that clergyman, his race or sect. The Courier-Journal, however, seems to be unable to restrain its bigotry when it sees a chance to traduce a Catholic priest, especially if he is Irish.

BELGIUM PROTESTS.

There is proof of the desperation of the British situation in South Africa in the manifest brutality of Butcher Kitchener to seize or destroy everything throughout the country, so that there may be neither food nor shelter for the hostile Boers. The inhabitants who are loyal are to be "protected" in the British garrisoned towns, there

being already 60,000 of such refugees. All disloyal sympathizers are to be arrested and their property seized or destroyed; martial law prevails everywhere, the British have control, all premises are subject to search, all men must join the volunteer force or go to prison, and even women and children are subject to military rule and regulations; virtually prisoners in the camps. Thus Kitchener resorts to fire and destruction, cruelty and persecution of non-combatants to accomplish by coercion or extermination what he fails to do by the arts of war—and this in the name of civilization and Christianity! The civilized powers may yet be compelled to interfere and stop this savagery; by protest if possible, but stop it. Already the Belgian legislative body has instructed the Government to make such protest and urge other powers to join in demanding the settlement of the South African trouble by arbitration, as provided in the Hague treaty, to which Great Britain is a party, and of which the inhuman methods of warfare practiced by the British are a violation. This move by Belgium will demonstrate whether the peace treaty of The Hague is the real thing or a farce, as England, one of its most vehement advocates, seems to regard it.

There were a few American newspaper reporters holding positions on London papers, but they have been fired. During the illness and funeral of the late Queen these blasted Americans hustled around and got so much news that the other papers, in their disappointment at being "scooped," denounced their news contemporaries for intruding over the barriers of rules and regulations and publishing too much of detail before it had been officially announced. The Americans were too fast, and their employers, to keep on good terms with their confreres, had to dispense with their services. News a week old suits the stolid Englishman, but the American dishes it up fresh, the fresher the better.

George Franklin Weaver testified in the Goebel murder trial that he was in Frankfort and saw the shooting of Goebel. His testimony was so palpably false that the Commonwealth's Attorney had him indicted for perjury and prosecuted him. In his trial at Georgetown there was no evidence, except Weaver's, that he was in Frankfort on that day, while several witnesses testified, and the records of a lodge Weaver organized showed that he was at Grayson Springs, over a hundred miles from Frankfort, on that day and evening. Yet the jury was hung, six insisting on acquittal. No wonder people are losing respect for the courts and confidence in the law.

King Edward in his speech from the throne upon the opening of Parliament said legislation had been prepared for the purpose of regulating the voluntary sale by landlords of the soil in Ireland to occupying tenants. Let us hope that Irish members will be supported and enabled to secure the land for the people, who have been continually and cruelly robbed by the non-resident landholders of the Emerald Isle.

Library Hall should present an animated scene Monday evening, March 4, when the one hundred and twenty-third anniversary of the birth of Robert Emmet will be celebrated under the auspices of the Irish-American Society of this city.

The principal speaker will be James J. Fitzgerald, the eloquent and brilliant Irish-American lawyer of Louisville, and the subsequent exercises will be of a high and interesting character.

Rev. Father Rock's arrival home last week in good health, after his long trip to Ireland and Rome, was the occasion for great rejoicing among the thousands of friends and admirers of the eloquent gentleman, who is one of the best known and most popular priests in the Southwest. Callers without number have been visiting him at the Cathedral rectory.

Prize fighting can not take place in Cincinnati. The courts and officials there enforce the laws against the brutal and demoralizing game. Gov. Beckham has declared that the Jeffries-Rhlin fight can not be pulled off in Kentucky, for which he is to be heartily commended. The Louisville authorities might well follow the example of Ohio.

Lortz & Frey, the building contractors, have broken faith with the union carpenters of this city, and thereby involved themselves in trouble. The demands made upon them were reasonable and just, and those contemplating building should remember that this firm can now only obtain inferior mechanics.

Congress has passed the bill dividing Kentucky into two judicial districts, and all eyes are turned to Washington. There are several candidates for the Judgeship, which is an easy life-time job with a good salary attached.

Every merchant should advertise his business in the Kentucky Irish American, particularly our St. Patrick's day number, when 20,000 copies will be printed and distributed throughout this and adjoining States.

Mayor Weaver promptly signed the anti-pool room ordinance, this disappointing many who would like the opportunity to criticize him. The matter is up to the Board of Safety.

Every one has his day to kick. The letter-carrier had his Thursday—valentines.

RECENT DEATHS.

The announcement of the death last Sunday of Mrs. Mary Egan, who passed away at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. John Muckelbauer, 1327 Payne street, caused deep sorrow among her wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Her funeral took place from St. Aloysius' church, Rev. Father O'Grady conducting the solemn services.

The funeral of Mrs. Winifred Welsh, who died Sunday at the home of her son-in-law, Thomas Shively, 3223 Third street, took place Tuesday morning from St. Aloysius' church. The deceased was the widow of the late Patrick Welsh, and was well known and highly respected for her many Christian virtues by the residents of the East End.

The death of Mrs. Mary O'Leary last Thursday morning, which occurred at her home, 421 Twenty-first street, caused inexpressible grief throughout this city, where she had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. She was the wife of Timothy J. O'Leary, the well-known insurance agent, and had but reached the age of twenty-eight years. Mrs. O'Leary was a lady of most exemplary character, a devout Catholic and a charming companion. Her loss will be sadly felt, and her devoted husband has the sympathy of every one in his great affliction. The funeral takes place this morning from St. Cecilia's church, with requiem high mass, and there will be a large attendance of mourning friends at the solemn obsequies. May God heal the wounded hearts her death has left behind.

ARCHITECT CURTIN IMPROVING.

We are glad to announce that Mr. Neil Curtin, the well known architect, who has been seriously ill at his residence on Sixth street for some weeks past, is again able to sit up, with bright prospects for his speedy recovery.

BUTCHERS CELEBRATE.

The thirty-first annual ball of the Louisville Butchers' Union will be given Monday night at Music Hall, where they and their wives, sweethearts and friends will assemble for a good time. The visitors and dancers will be looked after by such well known citizens as Hon. John M. Lettler, Gottlieb Layer, Peter Herberger, John Heim, William Schoeffler, Geo. Weppeler, Ben Zaeple, William Schaeffer and Jacob Frank. Their halls are the most respectable given in Louisville and are enjoyed by the best class of citizens.

Every Irishman in the State ought to subscribe to and read this paper.

SOCIETY.

W. Reardon, who was here for a few days this week, has returned to Covington.

John J. Walsh, a well-known citizen of Mt. Sterling, was here the first part of the week.

B. K. Murphy, of Shelbyville, was among those visiting here the first part of the week.

Mrs. Mary Horn, of Jeffersonville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sadie McGrady, in Shoals, Ind.

Michael McGillicuddy's friends were elated to see him out again Monday after his recent illness.

Miss Marie Kelleher has returned from Chicago, where she enjoyed a pleasant visit with friends.

The Misses O'Callahan, of Virginia, are the guests of the family of their uncle, Major D. Shanahan.

Mrs. Edward Schieman is visiting her parents at St. Augustine, Fla., where she will remain until May.

Miss Edna Gilbert arrived home last Wednesday from Henderson, where she spent two weeks visiting friends.

Mrs. Josephine Quinn has as her guest at her home in Jeffersonville Miss Mary Glasgow, a charming Newport girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Shanahan have gone South and will spend several weeks in Mobile and New Orleans before returning.

Mrs. William P. McDonald is recovering rapidly from a severe attack of the grip, much to the delight of her many friends.

Much concern is felt among Deputy Clerk John Greaney's friends over his continued illness, and all hope for his speedy recovery.

The friends of Miss Alice Cunningham will rejoice to learn that she is rapidly recovering and will soon be able to be with them again.

James Quinn's host of friends will learn with regret that he is quite ill at the residence of his father, Peter Quinn, Seventeenth and Lytle streets.

The young ladies of St. Anthony's church, Jeffersonville, will entertain their friends with a delightful euchre next Tuesday at Speith's Theater.

Among the Louisvilleans who were this week sojourning at West Baden Springs was H. C. Tafel, the well known Third-street dealer in electrical supplies.

Miss Maggie Callahan, one of Frankfort's society favorites, is here visiting friends. This week she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Tom Shannon, in the West End.

Michael Scully, the retired shoe merchant, and Miss Emma Volz were united in marriage Thursday afternoon at St. Mary Magdalen's church. Both are well known in Louisville society.

Among the charming visitors here this week were Misses Jennie Cleveland and Leora Richardson, of Lexington, who were the guests of the Misses Bourne at their home on West Ormsby avenue.

Jerry Lynch and Charles Taylor, well known residents of Jeffersonville, have accepted responsible positions with the Chicago Car and Equipment Company, and will make their home in the Windy City.

Mrs. John Donahue, Pope street, has as her guest Miss Griffin, of Chillicothe, O. She is one of this season's most attractive and charming visitors, whose departure will be regretted by a host of Louisville admirers.

We are glad to announce the complete recovery of Mrs. Bridget Hannon, of 2252 Baxter avenue, who suffered from a severe attack of grip. She is one of the pioneers here, having resided in Louisville over fifty years.

The hosts of friends of Jailer John Pfanz will regret to learn that illness has confined him to his home for two weeks. The prospects are bright, however, for his recovery and return to his office within a few days.

Hugh Higgins has sufficiently recovered to be able to walk with a cane, though some time will elapse before he will have full use of his foot. His friends are congratulating him upon his narrow escape from being disabled for life.

Ernest Quinn, one of Jeffersonville's best known young men, has for some days past been seriously ill with pneumonia at his home on Ohio avenue, though late reports predict that he will soon have entirely recovered.

The Standard Club will give a masked ball Mardi Gras night, February 19, at Norton's Hall, Ninth and Broadway. Tom Flahive and Will Sulzer are managers of the affair and guarantee those who attend a rattling good time.

Mrs. Henry Malone and Miss Mary Kraft, of New Albany, are in New Orleans, where they went to attend the wedding of their brother, Dr. Charles Kraft. They will remain in the Crescent City until after the Mardi Gras festivities.

Rumor has it that Tom Hannon, with the Louisville Water Company and a well known resident of the East End, has decided on an April wedding. The bride is a lovely Ohioan who has been a frequent visitor and has many admirers here.

Edward Cavanaugh and Mrs. Winnie Canfield were united in marriage Monday morning at Holy Trinity church, New Albany, Rev. Father Kelly performing the ceremony. Both are well known

and prominent in society circles in our sister city.

The Catholic Knights and Ladies of New Albany entertained large numbers of friends Monday night at an enjoyable euchre and supper at Holy Trinity Hall, Seventh and Market streets. Their branch is one of the strongest and most popular in Southern Indiana.

James Treacy, whose hand was severely cut some weeks ago, is still unable to resume his position with the Louisville Packing Company. The injury proved more severe than was at first thought, and has confined him to his home at Rogers and Coopers streets for over two weeks.

A most enjoyable evening was spent in progressive euchre at the residence of Mrs. Mary Curran, Floyd and Oak streets, last Monday evening. The prizes were won by Mrs. Richard Curran and Daniel McCarthy, of Sandusky, O. The consolation prizes were won by James Roche and Miss Nannie Raggio. After the games choice refreshments were served. Everybody voted Mrs. Curran a jolly good hostess.

Capt. Michael Cassin and Miss Lula Bourke were united in marriage last Tuesday at St. Charles' church by Rev. Father Raffo. The bride is a lovely young woman, possessed of many accomplishments and has been prominent in society. Capt. Cassin is one of the most popular members of the fire department. After the ceremony the happy pair left for the East, where they will spend their honeymoon, followed by the best wishes of hosts of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Curran, of 237 East Ormsby avenue, entertained at euchre last Thursday evening. The prizes were won by Miss Marcella O'Connor and P. F. McCarthy. The consolation prizes were won by Miss Bridie Cody and Lawrence Botto. This being over all partook of a bounteous spaghetti supper served with choice Italian wines, after which music and dancing were enjoyed. Everybody highly praised the evening's entertainment.

Among the delightful society events of the past week was the social tendered Miss Catherine Heintz at her home, 1234 Mulberry street. The evening was devoted to pleasant amusements and ended with an elegant spread. Those present were Misses Josephine Krebs, Catherine Schalk, Mamie Vogt, Mamie Krebs, Annie Foell, Matilda Vogt, Leona Krebs, Maggie Vogt, Antoinette Schalk, Catherine Heintz, Mary Heintz, Mary Hagenmiller; Messrs. John Heintz, John Vogt, Joseph Schalk, George Heintz, and Willie Heintz.

THEATRICALS.

The announcement that the Temple Stock Company will present "Trilby" the coming week should prove sufficient to keep the man in the box office busy. This play is expected to make the biggest hit of the season and it will be given an elaborate production, one that will surpass the well-remembered effort of the stock company two years ago. Stage Director Eagle has better talent now than he had then, and he has the advantage of experience in producing the play. The story of the trials of Trilby is familiar to most theater-goers, nearly all of whom have read the book or seen the play. Suffice it to say that it holds the interest of the audience. Aimee, the wonderful fire dancer, and James Cullen, the popular singing comedian, will furnish the vaudeville features, and the polyscope will present another series of new pictures. Ladies will receive cabinet photo souvenir Monday night.

Miacio and Fulton's "Jolly Grass Widows" Company has been on the road for the past three seasons, and next week will be its first engagement in Louisville. The company will present here two pretentious musical frolics, "The Matrimonial Club" and "The Sign of the Red Light," written by Robert Fulton, with tuneful and original lyrics by Robert Becker, and staged by the master of spectacular stage craft, the late Tom Miacio. Much has been heard of the "Jolly Widows" and if half of the good things said of it prove true the patrons of the Buckingham may safely anticipate a treat. The olio is a long and varied one, introducing a number of the best artists now appearing on the vaudeville stage, who will present features not seen before this season.

"The Dairy Farm," a pastoral comedy by Eleanor Merron, which was one of the big hits last season, will be the attraction at the Avenue next week. It has been described as a wholesome story of every-day life in a little country town in New York State during the fifties. Miss Merron has chosen a simple, homely theme, illustrative of the loves and hates, the friendships and feuds, the good and evil natures of the humble inhabitants of a remote inland community, and instead of straining for the effects and dramatic climaxes is careful, above all things, not to violate propriety and reach the denouement by straightforward methods.

Settlers' and Home-Seekers' Excursions to the West, North and Northwest.

The Monon Route will sell very low rate one-way settlers' tickets from Louisville on every Tuesday until and including April 30 to points in Arizona, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Idaho, Manitoba, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming; also round-trip home-seekers' tickets on every other Tuesday from April 5 to June 18 inclusive, which will be good to stop west of the first home-seekers' excursion point for fifteen days from date of sale going, and limited to twenty-one days from date of date returning, to points in Arizona, British Columbia, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Manitoba, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Representatives of Monon Route and connecting lines will meet Louisville passengers at Chicago and elsewhere that changes of cars occur. More explicit information and map and time-folders will be furnished by E. H. Bacon, D. P. A., Monon Route, Louisville, Ky.

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